



Brownfields 2017 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Harrisburg, PA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

Project Description

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Harrisburg (HRA) as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant recipient. The HRA will work with the community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the South Allison Hill neighborhood's Industrial Park. The park was home to various industrial uses, including metal and steel production, shoe manufacturing, and wood manufacturing. It contains five identified catalyst sites: a former automotive site, former lumber processing plant, former commercial dry cleaners, former service station, and former large industrial site. It also contains 30 other land parcels that may be contaminated. The project is expected to stimulate economic development by developing strategies to revitalize these five sites, all of which are located on key commercial transportation corridors. The HRA plans to preserve and restore existing infrastructure at these sites and integrate it into any future reuse and redevelopment options. The area-wide plan also is expected to catalyze industry growth, provide opportunities to expand housing and recreational options in the project area, and create job opportunities for residents. Key partners who will work with the HRA on this project include Tri-County Community Action, the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, City of Harrisburg, Capital Region Economic Development Corporation, and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site

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